



## Commission on Children and Youth

### Meeting Summary

May 11, 2016

**Members Present:** Dana Bell, Shari Argue, Gina Brown, Tom Grazio, Stuart Grossman, Cecily Darden-Adams, Carson Henry, Lindsay Hoffman, Nancy Kaplan, Nora Ludden, Elizabeth McGlynn, Dr. Angela Mickalide, Howard Nicholson, Tamara Niedomanski, and Beka Urgessa.

**Members Absent:** Ethan Chen, Adraine Clutter, Sareanna Kimia, Roberta Rinker, and Bobbi Sherman

**Staff Present:** Erin Stillwell and Marva Younger

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Dana Bell, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

The order of the agenda was modified due to lack of a quorum at the beginning of meeting.

#### **Action:** Approval of April 13th Minutes

The minutes should note that Shari Argue was absent at April 13th meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously with suggested corrections.

Dana requested that during the sub-committee meetings, commissioners discuss the following topics: 1) determine if priorities identified for the current commission year have been met 2) determine if there is outstanding work that needs to be completed before the end of this commission year and/or 3) determine if there are priorities and recommendations that need to be carried into the upcoming commission year.

#### **My Brother's Keeper Sub-Committee Report**

The committee is still discussing if they will continue to focus on "My Brother's Keeper" in the upcoming commission year. At the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, the committee will report back on what has been accomplished and what will be their next steps.

### **Homelessness Sub-Committee Reports**

The committee stated that they have completed their work on the priority of homelessness and will begin to formulate recommendations. Although the sub-committee has completed their stated goals on this priority, they are discussing the possibility that separate and/or new topic may be derived from their work. This will be discussed at the June planning meeting. One outstanding action item is to connect with Youth Reach MD.

### **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

The chair (Dana Bell) put forth a motion to elect the new chair by unanimous consent/acclamation as Lindsay Hoffman was the lone nominee.

**Action:** Angela moved to elect Lindsay Hoffman as Chair and this was seconded by Stuart. It was unanimously approved by the Commissioners (quorum present).

The chair (Dana Bell) put forth a motion to elect two co-vice chairs by unanimous consent/acclamation. In the past, CCY has nominated and elected co-vice chairs to serve.

**Action:** Stuart moved to elect Gina Brown and Elizabeth McGlynn as Co-Vice Chairs and this was seconded by Tami. It was unanimously approved by the Commissioners (quorum present).

Stuart thanked Dana for a job well done as chair. Thanks to Dana was echoed by all commissioners!

### **Tour de Cookie**

Tour de Cookie held on Saturday, May 7, 2016 and was determine to have been a tremendous success. Tom reported that over 650 bike riders participated and \$31,000 was raised for the Tree House. Tom also shared that the Popular Grove Baptist Church (the host for the CCY cookie stand) has agreed to help next year. Thanks were offered to Elizabeth, Lindsay, Gina and Stuart for baking cookies for the event.

### **Dr. Nancy Dworkin Outstanding Service to Youth Awards**

The Dr. Nancy Dworkin Awards Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 16, 2016 at Johns Hopkins University, Rockville Campus, Gilchrist Center Auditorium. Erin reported that 52 people have confirmed their attendance. Wegman's has donated at \$100 gift cards that will be used towards the cost of refreshments. Members of the Dworkin family members will be in attendance and providing brief opening remarks. Barbara Andrews' husband has agreed to take photos at the event. Erin passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with set up and clean up.

**Announcements/Reminders:**

Dana reminded the commissioners that the retreat is scheduled for June 8, 2016, 6pm to 9pm and it is imperative that all commissioners are present. The retreat will focus on evaluating what has been accomplished this commission year and what work need to be carried forward into the next commission year. This will also be a time to make recommendations for the upcoming year.

Issues about membership and recruitment were raised by commissioners. As there will be several vacancies in the next commission year, Lindsay has asked commissioners to assist with recruitment. Lindsay also stated that she would like to invite more guest speakers to the meetings in the next commission year. Lindsay thanked Dana for doing an outstanding job as chair of the CCY.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.